

ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* HARVESTING WHEAT, OATS , HAY AND IRRIGATING CORN, RICE

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RELEASED: July 19,1999 3:00 p.m.–Temperatures for the week averaged below normal. A frontal passage brought heat relief early in the week, but didn’t produce a widespread rainfall event. Rainfall for the week was much below normal. Most crops are reported in good condition according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 31 percent short, 61 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included harvesting wheat and hay, irrigating corn, soybeans, sorghum, and rice, and fertilizing corn, cotton, rice, and warm season forage, scouting for sheath blight in rice, making mid-season nitrogen applications to rice, putting down lime.

CROPS: Spraying of cotton for boll weevils and bullworms were reported. Herbicides were being applied to rice fields and soybean fields. Fruit were being harvested throughout the state.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle producers continued to market cattle and wean calves. Cattle were given bang vaccinations, treated for external parasites for summer insect control by dusting, ear tagging cattle, and were reported in good condition statewide.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM				0	4	28	58	10
Emerged	100	100	100					
Headed	61	72	51					
Turning Color	2	9	9					
COTTON				0	3	24	57	16
Squaring	100	100	100					
Setting Bolls	70	84	65					
RICE				0	2	21	54	23
Headed	7	23	14					
SOYBEANS				0	6	32	49	13
Blooming	35	39	27					
Setting Pods	9	10	9					
CORN				0	1	24	51	24
WHEAT								
Harvested	99	100	99					
OATS								
Harvested	98	100	97					
ALFALFA				0	0	20	74	6
OTH. HAY				0	4	26	57	13
PASTURE				0	5	24	57	14

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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